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## **FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION INCREASED**

New York dairy herds produced 988 million pounds of milk during February. Milk cows were unchanged but production per cow was up from the previous year resulting in a 3.8 percent increase in milk production compared to February 2010. The number of milk cows averaged 610,000 head, unchanged from February of the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 1,620 pounds, up 60 pounds from the February 2010 rate.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$18.50 per hundredweight of milk sold during February, up 70 cents from January and \$1.70 more than February a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from February 2010. January revised production at 15.2 billion pounds, was up 2.5 percent from January 2010. The January revision represented a decrease of 21 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,666 pounds for February, 24 pounds above February 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.40 million head, 81,000 head more than February 2010, but no change from January 2011.

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